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IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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## NDSU sets spring enrollment record reaching 13,411 students

NDSU has set a spring semester enrollment record for the 11th straight time, reaching 13,411 students in the university's undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Part of the increase comes from an all-time record for graduate student enrollment. The official enrollment figures, which are compiled following the fourth week of classes, were announced Feb. 9.

"This enrollment announcement is exciting news, and I am very pleased," said President Richard A. Hanson. "This great institution is clearly a place of impact as it helps our students achieve their academic and career goals."

The spring record figure represents a 6.76 percent increase, compared to 12,562 students one year ago.

The number of new freshmen for the semester stands at 74, compared with 102 one year ago, and there are 313 new transfer students compared to 271 in spring 2009.

"Once again we are very pleasantly surprised by our spring 2010 enrollment. This past fall we saw a significant increase of more than 900 students, and the spring enrollment indicates those students are continuing in their education at NDSU. Students are making the choice to attend NDSU and once they are here, they are very successful and continuing in their education. This is wonderful news," said Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, noting that NDSU's growth is in all areas.

NDSU also set a new high for graduate students, with 2,146 attending classes, compared to last spring's 1,882, which was the previous spring record. This is an all-time record enrollment for a spring or fall graduate class, with fall 2009 being the previous high at 2,103 graduate students.

## Smoke-free campus policy takes effect March 1

NDSU's no smoking policy, Section 153, takes effect March 1. Previously, the university prohibited smoking within 50 feet of a building. The campus will be smoke free.

The emphasis will be on education and respect for the campus and others. The idea is to create a climate of self-enforcement of the rule. Signs will be put up on campus and cards explaining the rule are being prepared to handout.

Student Government is working with the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences, and the Wellness Education Leaders to offer informational sessions. Ty Patterson from the Center of Excellence for a Tobacco Free Policy from Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Mo., will be on campus in early March to lead discussion and provide training on implementing the smoke-free campus policy. The specific date will be provided.

NDSU President Richard A. Hanson's e-mail to campus said:

"With a smoke-free campus, NDSU sends a strong message that it will take appropriate steps to ensure a healthy environment in which to learn, work and conduct research. We have carefully studied this issue and surveyed our campus community. Students, faculty and staff told us second-hand smoke is an important issue for them, and we took action.

"We want to emphasize education – NDSU provides free, accessible tobacco cessation programming to our students and employees.

"We are asking smokers to respect the wishes and health of others by not smoking while on the NDSU campus. Self-enforcement will be the key to this policy's success."

**NDSU** [www.ndsu.edu/itshappening](http://www.ndsu.edu/itshappening)

### **NDSU plans presentation about college students with disabilities**

A presentation about academic adjustments and accommodations for college students with disabilities is set for Thursday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room.

### **NDSU plans Valentine Ball**

The Valentine Ball is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 per couple and \$10 for non-students.

### **Hanson sets open forum**

President Richard A. Hanson has scheduled an open forum for Thursday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Union Century Theater.

### **Transition updates available**

For information about the transition to NDSU's 14th president, go to [www.ndsu/news/transition](http://www.ndsu/news/transition).

## Student killed in accident

Dustin D. Lemke, a first-year pre-pharmacy student from Eagle Lake, Minn., was killed in a multi-vehicle crash Feb. 7 along Interstate 94, near the Dalton, Minn., exit. He was 18.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Lemke had been a passenger in a car that went in the ditch in icy conditions, and he was walking to verify their position when he was struck by another vehicle.

Lemke was a trombonist for the NDSU Wind Symphony, a member of the University Lutheran Center and a Presidential Honor Scholarship recipient. A National Honor Student in high school, Lemke was a graduate of Mankato East High School.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the University Lutheran Center, located at 1201 13th Ave. N.

## Berg speaks to agribusiness and applied economics faculty



David Berg, president of American Crystal Sugar Co., was a guest speaker during a faculty luncheon at Richard H. Barry Hall on Feb. 3. Berg earned a master's degree in agricultural economics at NDSU. He spoke to faculty in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics about American Crystal, the sugar market and carbon legislation.

Berg grew up on the north side of Fargo, attended college locally and was a television reporter be-

fore he came to NDSU. He has been with American Crystal Sugar for 22 years and says his training at NDSU has served him well.

American Crystal Sugar has been around for 109 years, the last 35 years as a cooperative. There are 2,800 growers and owners involved with the company, and they employ 1,700 full-time and seasonal workers.

Berg talked about the current sugar market in the U.S. and worldwide, as well as how recent carbon legislation is affecting the industry. He is currently working with Won Koo, professor of agribusiness and applied economics and director of the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, to understand the impacts the legislation may have on the sugar industry and local growers.

In response to questions from faculty, Berg commented on topics, such as teaching the cooperative model and business strategy. The Western Agricultural Economics Association will honor Berg for his career achievement at its annual meeting this summer.

Berg's visit is the first of several meetings the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics hopes to host with area business leaders.

## NDSU technology fee action plans due March 12

NDSU's student technology fee funds a broad range of projects designed to improve the information technology capabilities and services for students, faculty and staff. The Technology Fee Advisory Committee (TFAC) is seeking action plans and funding requests aimed at improving the quality of education and campus life at NDSU through technology. Proposals specifically addressing innovative uses of technology to improve instruction and student learning are encouraged. The committee has a strong interest in one-time funding opportunities offering a unique application of technology enhancing the student experience.

A copy of the action plan template and past funded proposals/reports are available at [www.ndsu.edu/tfac](http://www.ndsu.edu/tfac). The committee seeks proposals that introduce new, innovative tools for instruction and learning or proposals that provide a broad appeal to students at NDSU.

To receive consideration, submit one signed paper copy of the action plan to TFAC, c/o Bonnie Neas, vice president for information technology, IACC 206A, and submit an electronic copy of your action plan to [rian.nostrum@ndsu.edu](mailto:rian.nostrum@ndsu.edu) by March 12.

## Staff Recognition Award nominations sought

Staff Senate is seeking individual and team nominations for the 2010 Staff Recognition Awards. The awards recognize current, broadbanded staff members for hard work and ingenuity in making NDSU a better place.

Nominations for broadbanded staff members will be accepted until Friday, March 5, until 5 p.m. Winners will be announced and recognized at the Recognition Luncheon in April.

Go to [www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate](http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate) to fill out the nomination form.

Individuals who prefer a paper format should contact Kevin Schindlbeck, chair of the Employee Recognition Committee, at [kevin.schindlbeck@ndsu.edu](mailto:kevin.schindlbeck@ndsu.edu) or 1-8917.

## Steinhaus-Rhinehart Scholarship applications available

Applications for the NDSU Development Foundation Steinhaus-Rhinehart Scholarship are available at Student Financial Services in Ceres Hall 202. Students with a senior standing as of fall 2010 can apply for the \$670 scholarship until the March 22 deadline.

The scholarship provides assistance to students in the College of Science and Mathematics or College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources who are majoring in a biological science (animal and range science, biochemistry, biological sciences, biotechnology, biotic resources science, botany, crop and weed sciences, horticulture, microbiology or zoology) and who plan to do research and attend graduate school in the area of biological science. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or greater.

## DIVERSITY

**World I View presentation set**

Koo

Won Koo, professor of agribusiness and applied economics, will present a World I View presentation on Thursday, Feb. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Titled "The Impact of Globalization on World Welfare," Koo will talk about the process of globalization through international trade activities that entail nations opening their doors to goods produced

in foreign countries.

While globalization has had a positive effect on the world economy, Koo says several concerns have been raised regarding the impact on social welfare stemming from increased competition under free trade. Koo will focus on emerging issues related to globalization and its impact on global welfare, as well as possible social and economic policy alternatives.

World I View presentations cover international topics and are presented to the NDSU and Fargo-Moorhead communities. Speakers include students, faculty and staff who will share their experiences on a broad range of global themes. The Office of International Programs sponsors the presentations.

## RESEARCH

**Christensen and students present at conference in Ireland**

NDSU student Sarah Hilgers and Bryan Christensen, associate professor of health, nutrition and exercise science, presented "The Effects of Strength, Power, and Genu Valgum Following a Five Week Training Program With Whole Body Vibration" at the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports conference in Limerick, Ireland. At the same conference, Josh Aman and Christensen presented "Effects of Static Stretching, PNF Stretching, and Dynamic Warm-up on Maximum Power Output and Fatigue."

Hilgers is a master's student who also has started pursuing a doctorate at NDSU. Aman is a former undergraduate and master's student and is currently a doctoral student in biomechanics at the University of Minnesota.

Hilgers and Christensen examined the effects on strength, power and genu valgum (knock knees) angle following a five-week resistance training program either with or without whole-body vibration. One group did resistance training while standing on a vibration platform. A second group did the same resistance training program on the gym floor without vibration. Pre- and post-test evaluation included maximum countermovement vertical jump, standing long jump, medicine ball toss, 1RM of both chest press and leg press and genu valgum measured at maximum genu valgum angle at knee bend following a land and load maneuver.

The results of this study indicated greater improvement in both the countermovement vertical jump and leg press following the vibration training. However, the resistance training group

without vibration displayed greater improvement in standing long jump, medicine ball toss and chest press. One subject in the resistance training group and two subjects in the resistance training group with vibration exhibited genu valgum in one of their legs. All three subjects improved at the post-test.

Aman and Christensen sought to determine the effects of static stretching, PNF stretching and dynamic warm-up on maximum power output and fatigue. The participants performed a vertical jump test at three minutes and 20 minutes post-treatment for all treatments until voluntary fatigue. Participants performed a standard protocol including one of the stretching and warm-up treatments followed by two repeated, counter-movement, vertical jump tests.

No statistically significant differences were found. The dynamic warm-up group was found to have 10 percent higher average power output compared to the control group. Up to a six second difference was found in fatigue between the treatments and the control group.

**Klamm publishes article in Journal of Information Systems**

Klamm

Bonnie K. Klamm, associate professor of accounting, has published an article titled "SOX 404 Reported Internal Control Weaknesses: A Test of COSO Framework, Components and Information Technology," in the 2009 fall issue of the Journal of Information Systems. She wrote the article with Marcia Weidenmier Watson from Mississippi State University.

The paper examines internal controls, from both an information technology and non-information technology perspective, in relation to the five components of the Committee of Sponsoring Organization's/Internal Control-Integrated Framework/(COSO 1992), as well as the achievement of one of the committee's three objectives – reporting reliability.

"Our sample consists of 490 firms with material weaknesses reported under Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 during the first year of compliance. We classify the weaknesses by COSO component and as information technology-related or non-information technology-related. Our results support the interrelationships of the COSO/Internal Control-Integrated Framework," Klamm said.

The results also show that the number of misstated accounts is positively related to the number of weak COSO components and certain weak COSO components. Klamm says firms with information technology-related weak components report more material weaknesses and misstatements than firms without information technology-related weak components, providing evidence on the pervasive negative impact of weak information technology controls, especially in control environment, risk assessment and monitoring.

## Knoepfle article appears in Florida Tax Review



**Knoepfle**

"The Pension Protection Act of 2006: A Misguided Attack on Donor-Advised Funds and Supporting Organizations," an article by Terry Knoepfle, associate professor of business law, appeared in the Florida Tax Review.

According to Knoepfle, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 made many changes to the code impacting tax-exempt donor-advised funds and supporting organizations. "The article discusses the act's amendments, which have negatively impacted sponsoring organizations and their donor-advised funds, as well as supporting organizations," he said. "It also explains the events that led to the misguided enactment of the amendments, particularly in regard to intermediate sanctions and the incidental benefit provisions, and it analyzes the impact that these amendments have had and will have on exempt organizations, including donors, officers, employees and advisers to donor-advised funds and supporting organizations."

Knoepfle also explains why Congress' and the Internal Revenue Service's attack on donor-advised funds and supporting organizations is both bad tax and public policy.

## Development Foundation accepting grant applications

The NDSU Development Foundation Grants and Awards Committee is accepting applications from faculty and staff for grants from four funds for the 2010 academic year. The application deadline is April 1.

The Centennial Endowment Fund can provide maximum awards of \$5,000 with a total of \$16,208 available. It supports professorships, scholarships, biotechnology, faculty development, libraries and cultural arts.

NDSU's Development Foundation Board of Trustees Endowment can provide maximum awards of \$1,000, with a total of \$3,358 available. It supports general programs across campus.

The NDSU Development Foundation Libraries Endowment has \$2,556 available. It supports requests from any academic unit on campus for materials that will enhance the collections and operations of university libraries.

NDSU's Development Foundation Gordon A. Larson Agricultural Research Fund has \$13,561 available for awards. This fund has no maximum award amount and supports competitive grants for agricultural research efforts conducted at NDSU.

Faculty and staff can obtain copies of application forms for all four awards at [www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm](http://www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm). The NDSU Development Foundation will notify applicants of funding decisions prior to May 12.

## Tucker presents at National Obesity Society conference



**Tucker**

Jared Tucker, lecturer of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, presented research at the National Obesity Society conference in Washington, D.C. The title of his presentation is "Intensity of Physical Activity and Television Viewing Habits of Women."

"Television viewing is a good indicator of sedentary behavior. It is often perceived that sedentary behavior is the antithesis of physical activity, but the two behaviors are not necessarily mutually exclusive," Tucker says. "There are many people who view a lot of TV and still perform a considerable amount of physical activity. Likewise, there are many individuals who watch very little TV, but also perform little physical activity."

The study examined the relationship between physical activity intensity and TV viewing in a group of 273 middle-aged women. Tucker found that frequent TV viewers spend significantly more time engaged in low physical activity intensity and significantly less time involved in moderate and vigorous physical activity intensity compared to their counterparts.

## Tangpong publishes two articles



**Tangpong**

Chanchai Tangpong, assistant professor of management, has published two papers in academic journals. "The Interaction Effect of Relational Norms and Agent Cooperativeness on Opportunism in Buyer-Supplier Relationships" will appear in the Journal of Operations Management.

In this study, Tangpong examined the effect of relational norms and agent cooperativeness on opportunism in buyer-supplier relationships. Drawing from the theoretical grounding of transaction cost economics, personality trait theory and contingency theory, the researchers proposed three perspectives on opportunism mitigation in buyer-supplier relationships including organizationalist, individualist and interactionist, where relational norms, agent cooperativeness and the interaction between them, serve as the key predictors in the three perspectives.

"The results of replicated experiments indicated that relational norms and agent cooperativeness interact with each other in mitigating opportunism and that the interactionist perspective yielded the highest explained variance in opportunism," Tangpong said.

"General Risk Propensity in Multifaceted Business Decisions: Scale Development" will appear in the Journal of Managerial Issues.

Extant scales for risk propensity are confined to specific decision contexts, lending them less applicable to multifaceted business decisions where decision-making agents' general risk propensity across different aspects of the decisions can be an important determinant. To fill this gap, Tangpong developed a scale to measure general risk propensity of decision-making agents that can be applicable to multifaceted business decisions, using survey scale development approach.



## NDSU School of Education faculty publish article



Hall



Nielsen

Brenda Hall, Robert Nielsen, Jill Nelson and Carol Buchholz, all faculty in the School of Education, will have their article, titled "A Humanistic Framework for Distance Education," published in the Spring 2010 issue of the Journal of Humanistic Counseling, Education and Development.



Nelson



Buchholz

"The integration of technology is a growing trend in counselor education," says Hall. "However, there are challenges to merge an increasingly technological world with a profession that is practiced through very personal contact."

In the article, the authors discuss how to maintain a humanistic focus when using distance education formats such as interactive video network to teach their counseling courses. The counselor educators outline four principles that guide their practice and describe specific strategies for implementing each principle. They also provide recommendations for other counselor educators and faculty.

## PEOPLE

### Two join Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering



Meyers

Mark Meyers has been named senior software engineer at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, and Todd Holdman has been named systems engineer.

Meyers is responsible for the design, development and architecture of software systems for a variety of public and private sector research partnerships. He previously served as senior software engineer at Feed Management Systems in Fargo for two years and he also served as senior application developer at Microsoft in Fargo for 12 years. Meyers earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems from Rutgers University, Camden, N.J.



Holdman

Holdman will specialize in user interface design. He will use current and emerging Web technologies to create and enhance Web applications. He previously served as communications coordinator in the NDSU Office of Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer. Holdman's previous experience includes technical, video and interactive media design for Media Productions and WDAY-TV, Cinemagic Media Studios in Minneapolis and CTV Channel 15, Roseville, Minn. He earned a bachelor's degree from NDSU.

## Office of Human Resources/Payroll hires Schlecht



Schlecht

The Office of Human Resources/Payroll has hired Paulette Schlecht as an office assistant. She is the department receptionist, schedules appointments for Human Resources/Payroll staff, assists non-benefited employees with hiring paperwork and sells movie and Valley Fair tickets.

Schlecht previously was an office assistant in the registrar's office at Concordia College in Moorhead.

## EVENTS

### Groberg and Cox to give lectures at Spirit Room

Kris Groberg and John Cox, both NDSU faculty members, will give presentations as part of the Spirit Room's Armenian lecture series. The lectures are complements to the exhibit "God-Given: Cultural Treasures of Armenia."

Groberg, assistant professor of visual arts, will present "Reading Norik: Iconography as Art" on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. She will focus on the tradition of Repoussé decoration as seen in Eastern European hand-crafted art in icons and gospel books, an old tradition in Eastern Orthodoxy and the Slavic world.

Cox, chair of history, philosophy and religious studies, will present "Armenia's Place in the Caucasus and the World," on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. He will provide a basic introduction to Armenian history from the beginnings of Armenian civilization, through the period of its early conversion to Christianity, up to its independent statehood and geo-political situation today.

The Spirit Room is located at 111 Broadway, Fargo. For more information, call 237-0230.

### Center for Protease Research plans research symposium

The Center for Protease Research at NDSU will host an interdisciplinary research symposium titled, Frontiers in Biomedical Research. The event is scheduled for May 21-22, in the Memorial Union Great Room. All biomedical faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and to present a poster on current research. The free event includes lunches, a dinner banquet and a poster session.

Esteemed scientists from around the country will speak on broad aspects of biomedical research.

For more information, e-mail [ndsu.symposium@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.symposium@ndsu.edu) or call 1-6114. To register for the conference or to submit a poster abstract, go to [www.ndsu.edu/cpr/news/index.html#symposium](http://www.ndsu.edu/cpr/news/index.html#symposium). Registration will close May 7.

## Miller to give presentation at North Star Soup Luncheon



Miller

Michael Miller, director and bibliographer of NDSU's Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC), will give a presentation about the organization's mission and goals at the North Star Soup Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Berea Lutheran Church, 6538 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield, Minn. The event is sponsored by the North Star Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and the Germans from Russia Heritage Society.

Hearty soups, homemade breads and kuchen will be served beginning at noon. North Star organizers will be accepting free-will donations. Miller's presentation, "GRHC – The Mission and Goals," is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Miller has been at the helm of the collection's large book, document and photo collection his entire career, now in his 43rd year at NDSU. The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection has been a pioneer for other collections in Web site building, creating and monitoring electronic discussion groups, organizing homeland tours, desktop book-publishing and creating a series of award-winning documentaries about German-Russian culture with Prairie Public Television. For more information, go to [www.ndsu.edu/grhc](http://www.ndsu.edu/grhc) or [northstarchapter.org](http://northstarchapter.org).

## NDSU to offer faculty and staff technology seminars

Faculty and academic staff are invited to join NDSU Distance and Continuing Education for several seminars designed to educate participants about technologies and tools that enhance Distance and Continuing Education courses.

There is no cost, but registration is required. To register or for more information, contact Lyn DeLorme, instructional designer, at 1-6371 or [lyn.delorme@ndsu.edu](mailto:lyn.delorme@ndsu.edu).

Seminars include:

### Say It Quick with Pronto!

Pronto is an instant-messaging tool from [wimba.com](http://wimba.com) that integrates directly into a Blackboard course shell. Pronto allows the user to host impromptu office hours, connect with colleagues and send out quick announcements easily. The new version of Pronto also includes a whiteboard, video chat and desktop sharing. Students also can use Pronto for group work and "beyond-the-walls" learning. The 60-minute seminar is for beginners and will be conducted in FLC 320, a fully equipped computer lab. It is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, April 13, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

### Be There with Wimba! – Introduction

Use Wimba to bring the human touch into distance education courses easily and powerfully. This seminar will provide an introduction to the features of Wimba Classroom and related Wimba technologies to bring video, voice and application sharing into teaching experiences.

This 90-minute seminar is for beginners and will be conducted in FLC 320. It is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, April 13, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Measuring the Learning with Blackboard

Blackboard offers many ways to incorporate both assessment and evaluation activities into courses. Learn to use the assignment feature, discussion board, test manager and other features to give assignments, exams and other assessment and evaluation activities. This 90-minute seminar will be conducted in FLC 320. It is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, March 9, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A Blackboard account is required.

### Be There With Wimba! – Advanced

This Wimba session is designed for faculty and staff who have already attended "Be There With Wimba" training or have some experience using Wimba. This 60-minute seminar will be conducted from the comfort of your office or home via Wimba. Participants will be able to experience application sharing, breakout rooms, on-the-fly quizzing and polling and helpful tips. Webcam and headset-microphone are required. The seminar is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Discover Wimba Voice Tools

This seminar provides an introduction to Voice Board, Wimba Podcaster, Voice E-mail and Voice Announcements. This 90-minute seminar will be conducted in FLC 320. It is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Monday, April 26, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. A Blackboard course shell is required.

## Berg Burin to present February history colloquium

Nikki Berg Burin will present the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies' February colloquium on Friday, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room. Titled "In Search of Profit and Companionship: Spousal Collaboration in the Cotton Business of the Old South," Berg Burin explores the ways in which the cotton plantation operated as a family enterprise, as well as the impact of such familial firms on marriages of slaveholding men and women. The cotton plantation was one of the antebellum South's largest and most successful businesses.

In 1834, 16-year-old Ann Barnes married Richard Thompson Archer, a successful Mississippi cotton planter 21 years her senior. During the course of their 32-year marriage, the Archers not only raised 10 children, but also owned or managed at least eight plantations and enslaved more than 500 black laborers.

According to Burg Burin, administering an enterprise of this magnitude was an enormous challenge that virtually all of the South's elite slaveholding families faced.

Berg Burin earned a doctorate in history from the University of Minnesota in 2007. She is currently an instructor in the history departments at Concordia College and the University of North Dakota.

For more information, contact Dennis Cooley at 1-7038 or [dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu](mailto:dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu).

## NDSU students to offer fine dining: ‘Greek Mystique’

NDSU students majoring in hospitality and dietetics have planned a fine dining opportunity on Tuesday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the lower level of the West Dining Center.

The meal is being managed by Brandy Buro and Meg Pulkrabek and includes roasted red pepper hummus with warm pita bread, lentil soup with fresh lemon and parsley, fresh Greek barley salad with grilled chicken souvlaki and sweet baked apples with dried fruit and walnuts.

Students prepare all meals from scratch in the test kitchen in West Dining Center. Sherri Nordstrom Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, plans each meal with the cooperation of the participating students and NDSU Dining Services.

The restaurant is open to the NDSU community and the public. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling NDSU Dining Services at 1-7023. Reservations will be taken until 10 a.m. the day of the meal. The cost of the meal, including a beverage is \$8.75. Cash, check, Bison Bucks and Visa are welcome.

The West Dining Center is located between the three high-rise residence halls on campus, south of Newman Outdoor Field. Visitors may park in the visitor’s parking lot.

For more information, contact Stastny at 1-7479 or Dining Services at 1-7023.

## NDSU Counseling Center open house planned

The staff of the NDSU Counseling Center invites faculty, staff and students to an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Counseling Center in Ceres Hall room 212.

Attendees can meet the center’s staff, enjoy refreshments, tour the center’s facilities and learn about the services the center provides for the campus community.

## Traveling exhibit featuring artists with disabilities coming to NDSU

The NDSU Memorial Union Art Gallery will showcase a traveling art exhibit, titled “Green Light – Artists with Disabilities,” from March 2 through April 17. The show is co-sponsored by Volkswagen, the Memorial Union Gallery and the NDSU Office of Disability Services.

This is the eighth exhibit the VSA arts and Volkswagen Group of America Inc., have created to help recognize and showcase emerging artists with disabilities, ages 16-25, who are living in the U.S.

VSA arts is an international nonprofit organization that was founded by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith in 1974 to create a society where people with disabilities could learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts. For more information, go to [www.vsarts.org](http://www.vsarts.org).

More than 20,000 calls for entry to high schools and colleges around the country were sent out, inviting submissions that illustrate the theme “Accelerate.” Out of 236 submissions, 15 individuals were awarded a total of \$60,000, provided by Volkswagen Group of America Inc. during a reception on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 17.

A reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## Global Outreach Faculty Coffee Hour planned

A Global Outreach Faculty Coffee Hour is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union Mandan room. At this month’s meeting, participants will talk about the Fulbright Scholars Program and other international opportunities available for faculty.

For more information, contact Kerri Spiering at 1-8166 or [kerri.spiering@ndsu.edu](mailto:kerri.spiering@ndsu.edu). Additional information also is available at [www.cies.org/Fulbright](http://www.cies.org/Fulbright).

### SHORTS & REMINDERS

#### Positions Available

*Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/jobs](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).*

#### Experiential Education Assistant

Pharmacy Practice  
\$30,000+/year  
Feb. 19

#### Administrative Secretary/#00019040

Office of Multicultural Programs  
\$24,500+/year  
Feb. 24

#### Custodian/#00019405

Residence Life  
\$19,760+/year  
Open until filled

#### Operation: Military Kids Program Coordinator

NDSU Extension Service  
\$32,000+/year  
Feb. 26

#### Research Specialist

Full-time, nine months  
Williston Research Extension Center  
Williston, N.D.  
\$26,250+/year  
Feb. 26

#### Greenhouse Manager

Administration Facilities  
\$55,000+/year  
Feb. 19

#### Systems Engineer/#3

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

#### Correction

In the Feb. 3 issue of “It’s Happening at State,” Julia Bowsher, Erin Gillam and Steve Travers were incorrectly listed as geosciences faculty. They are from the Department of Biological Sciences.

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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

#### **17 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag –**

“Women’s Health and Wellness in 2010,” Carol Grimm, director of health and wellness at MSUM, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Meadow Lark room. Co-sponsored by Women and Gender Studies.

#### **17 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag –**

“A Proposed Investigation of the Geologic Record of Flooding and Floodplain Evolution for the Red River of the North,” Ken Lepper, Peter Oduor and Adam Lewis, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Room of Nations

#### **18 Anti-Racism Training: Level I,**

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 1-5728 to register and for room location. Only 30 spots are available.

#### **18 Chemistry and Molecular Biology –**

“Designing Biofluorophores: Can Computational Chemistry Help?” Alex Brown from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, 4 p.m., Dunbar 152

#### **18 Getting to Know Our Tribal Partners Seminar Series,**

6 p.m., Memorial Union Rose room. A reception is planned in the Equity and Diversity Center at 4:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Tribal College-NDSU Partnership Initiative

#### **19 Animal Sciences –**

“Lessons on Learning from Thin Air,” Lisa Montplaisir, assistant professor of biological sciences and School of Education, 3 p.m., Hultz Hall 104

#### **19 Women’s Choral Festival Concert,**

7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

#### **21 Winter Choral Festival Concert,**

2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

#### **21 Black History Month –**

Gospel Music Festival, 5 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall

#### **22 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar –**

“Measuring Stability: Implications of the Genotype X Environment Interaction,” Magan Lewis, 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

#### **22 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar –**

“Soybean Cyst Nematode and its Adaptation to Resistant Cultivars,” Jack Brodshaug, 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

#### **23-March 11 Renaissance Gallery –**

Women’s Week Exhibit (first floor hallway and lobby)

#### **23 Sisterhood Circle –**

“Celebration of Black History Month: Black Love on the Big Screen: Taboo?” 1 p.m., Memorial Union Rose room

#### **23 Fat Tuesday with the Faculty Brass**

**Quintet,** 7:30 p.m., Plains Art Museum. Free admission.

#### **23 Jazz Lab Band,**

2 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

#### **24 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag –**

“OTS,” Erin Gillam and Steve Travers, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

#### **24 Counseling Center –**

Open House, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Ceres 212

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